Dual citizenship

846. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to give dual citizenship to all overseas Indians immigrated after January 26, 1950;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the citizens of India migrated after 1950 can enjoy all privileges of an Indian citizen except the voting rights;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not giving voting rights;

(d) whether Government of India have expanded the list 16 countries which it notified earlier; and

(e) if so, by when Government are going to amend the citizenship Act for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The Government proposes to grant registration of Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) to the Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) who migrated from India after 26th January, 1950 and is or has never been a citizen of Pakistan or Bangladesh, as long as his/her home country allows dual citizenship under the local laws.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) It is under consideration.

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847. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to grant dual citizenship to those Indians who left the country after January 26, 1950;

(b) if so, what rights persons of Indian origin (PIOs) are expected to enjoy who opt for dual citizenship for their own country or abroad;

(c) the countries at present who have adopted dual citizenship laws/ treaty facilitating the same;